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SUBJECT: SPINY LOBSTER RETALIATION

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE NO 147 FROM GCOB  
MINEXTAFF ON AFTERNOON AUGUST 29:

QUOTE (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) ....AND HAS THE  
HONOUR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S LETTER NO EXT/C.110/1 OF THE  
2ND JANUARY, 1974 AND THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NO 317 OF THE  
10TH DECEMBER, 1974 REGARDING THE DAMAGE TO A BAHAMIAN  
VESSEL BY EXPLOSIVES AT THE PORT OF MIAMI ON DECEMBER 30TH  
1973 AND THE BOMBINGS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN FLORIDA  
WHICH SERVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS AND THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, REPORTEDLY PERPETRATED BY CUBAN EXILES  
RESIDENT IN FLORIDA. AT THAT TIME THE MINISTRY ALSO POINTED  
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OUT THAT A POTENTIAL THREAT EXISTS AGAINST AIR CARRIERS

TO THE BAHAMAS AND IN PARTICULAR, BAHAMASAIR.

THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WISHES TO INVITE THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE RECENT DAMAGE BY EXPLOSIVES CAUSED TO THE BAHAMIAN VESSEL "M.V. GOLDFINGER II" IN THE MIAMI HARBOUR DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF THE 27TH AUGUST 1975 AND THE THREAT OF THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES AGAINST THE BAHAMIAN VESSEL MEREGHEN II WHICH WAS MADE YESTERDAY.

THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT IS GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF ITS SHIPPING WHILE IN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO PROVIDE THE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST REPETITION OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED INSTANCES.

THE MINISTRY ENCLOSES FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE EMBASSY A LIST OF BOATS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY KNOWN BY US TO FREQUENT FLORIDA PORTS.

IN VIEW OF THE RECENT INCREASE OF THREATS TO BAHAMIAN SHIPPING THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS IS THEREFORE CONSTRAINED TO REQUEST THAT THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, AND ALSO MAKE REPRESENTATION TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IN FLORIDA WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL SECURITY PROCEDURES WHICH MIGHT NOT HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN IN RESPECT OF BAHAMIAN PROPERTY AND BAHAMIAN SHIPPING IN FLORIDA. PROTECTION IS LIKEWISE REQUESTED IN RESPECT OF COMMERCIAL AIR CARRIERS BETWEEN THE BAHAMAS AND FLORIDA.

BAHAMIAN BOATS TRAVELLING TO MIAMI

M/V BETTY K IV

" BETTY K

" MEREGHAN II

" FENDO

TUG GEJA (BAHAMIAN OWNED HONDURIAN FLAG

M/V EASTORE

" LADY MOORE

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BARGE DAVID S. MORRISON

M/V MISS DEAN (FISHING BOAT)

BARGE ERICA OF EXUMA

"MARGARET OF EXUMA

M/V CARIB SHELL

FREGETA (UNITED NATIONS)

BIMINI TRADER

BAHAMAS DEVELOPER

TEXACO BAHAMA  
ESSO ISLANDER  
COMMON ENTRANCE  
TUG DIERDRE  
"MARGUERITE  
"TULSA  
DRANBUOY  
MARY ANN KATE  
PRIMA RIVIERA  
BAHAMAS CORAL BAY  
M/V PATRICIA ANN  
" MARCELLA II  
TUG MARGARET C  
TUG ELIZABETH A  
" DIANA M  
" JANE E  
BARGE GROWLER  
" GRANTOR

LIST OF MAIL BOATS

M/V DEBORAH K (ABACO)  
" CAPTAIN DEAN (SANDY POINT/MOORES)  
" CAPTAIN DEAN IV (SANDY POINT/MOORES)  
" GOLD FINGER (BIMINI)  
"NOEL ROBERTS (FREEPORT)  
" AIR SWIFT (HARBOUR ISLAND)  
" SOUTH ANDROS EXPRESS (SOUTH ANDROS)  
" MISS BEVERLY (NORTH ANDROS)  
" STANIEL CAY EXPRESS (STANIEL CAY EXUMA)  
" AIR PHEASANT (GEORGETOWN EXUMA)  
" JOHNETTE WALKER (CAT ISLAND)  
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" BAHAMA LAND (CLARENCE TOWN)  
" ABASTASHA (CROOKED/ACKLINS/MAYAGUAN)  
" GRAY ROBERTS (SALT POND LONG ISLAND)  
" LIBERTY D (SUB MAIL ELEUTHERA)  
" GLEANER EXPRESS (RAGGED ISLAND)  
" CAPTAIN MOXEY (SOUTH ELEUTHERA)  
" EGO  
" CAPTAIN JOHNSON IND.

THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF THE BAHAMAS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW  
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES  
OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

COMMENT: IN EMBASSY VIEW, NOTE IS A REASONABLE

REQUEST COUCHED IN CONCILIATORY LANGUAGE. IN VIEW OF  
CONTUNUED THREAT POTENTIAL, EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT  
ADDRESSEES ARE ALREADY TAKING NECESSARY PREVENTIVE PRECAUTIONS

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE FOR FORMULATION RESPONSE TO GCOB.  
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